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MY NAME IS RAYMOND GARRISON, OR IT COULD BE ANGELO MORTALLI.

OR WINSTON GROVER.

SAME AS IT EVER WAS

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TANK MAN, COLD MAN, VIET MAN...

EVERY MAN, FOR CHRISSAKES.

EEINIE, MEENIE, MINEY, MOE-- TAKE YOUR PICK.

SEE, MY LIFE, IT'S KIND OF A "CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE", AND BY YOUR?

I MEAN NOT MINE.

NOW ME, I BELIEVE MEMORY ISN'T A REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS PAST, BUT SPUR OF THE MOMENT, AN ELECTRIC FLASH (LITERALLY) OF IMAGES THAT MAY JUST POP INTO YOUR HEAD.

AND BY YOUR I MEAN MINE.

IT'S COMPLICATED, OR AM I OVER-THINKING IT? OR...

IS IT NOT ME DOING THE OVERTHINKING?

I KNOW (OR DO I?) THAT SOUNDS PARANOID, BUT HEAR ME OUT...

THERE IS A SEQUENCE OF NUMBERS THAT SPEAK TO ME.

FAINTLY SCRAPING SOUNDS OF METAL MAKING WORDS...

NOT THAT I LISTEN TO THEM.

I MEAN, WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT I'M GOOD AT MY JOB.

VERY GOOD. THE BEST.

OR DID THAT JUST POP IN MY HEAD, A LITTLE ADRENAL CONFIDENCE BOOST FROM ALL THE BILLIONS OF JIMINY CRICKETS CHIRPING THROUGH MY BLOODSTREAM?

E.R. NURSE: WHAT'S YOUR BLOOD TYPE?

ME: NANO POSITIVE.

MY WIFE WAS MURDERED, I FOUGHT IN WWII, I WAS BORN IN THE EIGHTIES, MY WIFE IS ALIVE.

GET THE PICTURE?

IT'S MORE OF A PUZZLE.

THE ONLY WAY I KEEP MYSELF SANE IS TO TELL MYSELF (WELL, I THINK IT'S ME TALKING) TO TRUST MY EYES, LIVE COMPLETELY IN THE NOW.

WHAT I SEE, I KNOW.

NEVERMIND (HA) THAT I REMEMBER SEEING THIS PERSON BEFORE, BUT I KNOW I'VE NEVER SEEN HER.

I REMEMBER THE DOSSIER. MY JOB. MY TARGET.

BUT SO WHAT? MEMORIES CAN'T BE TRUSTED. THEY'RE BULLSHIT.

FABRICATIONS, RANDOM IMAGINATIONS SEWN TOGETHER IN AN ORDER THAT MAKES SENSE...

A TIME FRAME.

I TRUST THAT I CAN TRUST THIS:

KILL HER

THAT'S MY HANDWRITING.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, MISTER--

HAS IT?

TIME ISN'T HOLDING US, TIME ISN'T AFTER US.

SAME AS IT EVER WAS...

THE END.

NECRO-SHIP. FIXED COURSE TO THE CENTER OF THE CREED. MISSION: SACRED NANO-REINCARNATION CYCLE. NOW.

Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust. Nanite to nanite.

BLOODGOD

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We are the unstoppable expansion of the sacred machinery.

We are the hope for greatness in a broken universe.

We are the hands of HIS manifest will.

We are the Creed. And under our watchful eye...

DEET!

THETA. MINING PLANET. THIRD LORD OF THE DEEP WORLDS. THEN.

None shall suffer any more.

–Oath. Chaplains of the Creed.

SARAH! I'VE GOT IT RIGHT HERE! THE LATEST NANITES UPGRADE.

STRAIGHT FROM THE CENTRAL WORLDS. WHEN IT SYNCHRONIZES, YOU WILL NOT ONLY FILTER THIS CRAPPY AIR...

...YOU WILL BE ABLE TO--

NO! NONONO. WHY DID YOU LET HER TAKE IT OFF?

SORRY, ELIJAH, BUT YOUR SISTER... SHE DIDN'T WANT TO--

SHHH. CALM DOWN, LENA. YOU CAN GO NOW. IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT! THERE IS STILL TIME. YOU WILL BE FINE.

ONCE WE REPROGRAM YOUR NANITES THE CREED WILL...

NO. DON'T WASTE IT. GET OFF THIS DECEASED ROCK, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOU TOO...

THEY CAN'T DO THIS TO US! IT'S NOT FAIR.

NO, ELIJAH. IT NEVER IS...

BLOODGOD. NOW.

"...BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?"

...and then he looked at the faces in front of him and said...

"Rejoice! For I have returned your gaze and now we are all one. The Being. The Bloodgod..."

GOD'S BLIND SPOT. LOCATION UNDEFINED. THEN.

"...The Creed."

THUD

And thus spoke the Bloodgod. Vol. II.

HAHAHA. WHAT DID YOU THINK?

THAT YOU WERE THE FIRST ONE THE "RESISTANCE" FOOLED AND BROUGHT TO THIS GODFORSAKEN PLACE?

THAT JUST FOR ORGANIZING SOME PROTESTS THEY WERE GOING TO TAKE REVENGE ON OUR BLOODGOD AND BRING DOWN THE CREED TOGETHER?

FOOL. YOUR NANITES ARE OURS. WE CONTROL EVERY TIME YOU MOVE, EVERY TIME YOU THINK...

EVERY TIME YOU BREATHE--

MMH-NH. THAT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR, OFFICER...

click!

BUT PRETEND WE'RE NOT HERE.

BUT... NO!

I CAN'T COMMAND HIS NANITES ANYMORE!

THUD

NICE. BUT NOT ENOUGH.

IN A FEW SECONDS HE'LL BE GOOD AS NEW.

AND YOU ARE...?

NAME'S ROMULUS. LISTEN, NOW YOU'RE OUT OF THEIR SYSTEM...

...BUT IF WE'RE REALLY GOING TO CHANGE THINGS, WELL...WE NEED MORE THAN MUSCLE AND HATE. WE NEED COMMITMENT...

AND A BLADE THAT CAN KILL A GOD.

...story stranger than the legend of The Techno-Chaplains.

CREED BEAM. ABODE OF THE TECHNO-CHAPLAINS. FANATICS WITHOUT SELF, PART OF THE BLOODGOD'S DEFENSE SYSTEM. NOW.

Inhabitants of the beam protecting the Bloodgod's final resting place...

This Bloodgod Squad of holy soldiers are believed to have been men once.

The first recipients of an incomplete but now sacred machinery...

Perhaps friends, perhaps the first converts of our God...

Its proximity to the center of the Creed is indisputable, but one may ask; does God need such protection?

Who would want to attempt violence against our benevolent deity?

–Figures and Legends. Vol. I.

BABEL-EARTH, PRIMORDIAL WORLD OF THE BLOODGOD. INFINITE RESERVOIR OF HUMAN MEMORY. THEN.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, YOU DAMN VULTURES? COME!

ZAPPP!

IMBECILE! I ORDERED YOU TO LEAVE.

AND I STAYED. SOME WOULD APPRECIATE IT...

SOME WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT LIFE IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN THE CAUSE. AND SOONER OR LATER THERE ARE GOING TO BE SACRIFICES...

MPFFF. DID YOU GET IT, AT LEAST?

EVERYTHING. NOW WE KNOW HOW TO HACK AND INFILTRATE THE NECRO-SHIPS. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY...

...WHAT AWAITS US THERE.

NIHIL BARRIER. FINAL FRONTIER OF PURITY OF WILL. NOW.

What is Nothingness...?

Nothingness is not the absence of flesh...

Nothingness is not the absence of blood...

Nothingness is not the absence of Being...

ARGHHH!

Nothingness is the absence of purpose.

—María Moliner. Philosophical Grammar.

NECRO-SHIP. FIXED COURSE TO THE CENTER OF THE CREED. MISSION: SACRED NANO-REINCARNATION CYCLE. MINUS 5 MINUTES.

NO! THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY...!

THERE ISN'T. YOU NEED OUR NANITES FOR PROTECTION. OTHERWISE, YOU WON'T MAKE IT.

BUT...

I TOLD YOU SO.

SA...

...CRI...

...FICE.

CENTER OF THE CREED. OMEGA. NOW.

NO.

THE SHIP. THE SHIELD. THE BARRIER. THAT WAS SMART. THIS ISN'T. BUT, OF COURSE, THIS PART IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT FOR ALL OF YOU...

"ALL OF YOU..."?

UNBELIEVABLE. EVERY ONE OF YOU THINKS THAT YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE. THE ONE VICTIM OF AN INJUSTICE. THE ONE SEEKING REVENGE. THE ONE LOOKING FOR ME...

BUT IT'S A CYCLE. THIS SEARCH. THIS FIGHT. THIS ENDING.

SO... IF THERE WERE OTHERS LIKE ME...THIS IS AN OFFER...

THE WAY IT'S ALWAYS BEEN.

THE UNIVERSE BECOMES TOO BIG, TOO COMPLEX, TOO DEAFENING...WE LOSE CONTROL OF THE CREED. AND SOONER OR LATER, WE FORGET.

WE FORGET PAIN, SACRIFICE, FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND HUMANITY. THE QUESTION IS...

CENTER OF THE CREED.
ALPHA.

WILL YOU REMEMBER?

ASHES TO ASHES. DUST TO DUST. NANITE TO NANITE.

BLOODGOD IS DEAD. LONG LIVE BLOODGOD!

THE END.

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TRIGGER

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DRIII

RAY... RAY...

HEY, ASSHOLE!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHO ARE YOU? YOU'RE THE WOMAN FROM MY DREAM... ARE YOU REAL?

OR ARE THE NANITES JUST PLAYING PING-PONG IN MY BRAIN?

I'M AS REAL AS THE CIRCUITS THAT LET ME MAP THIS CITY, RAY. I CAN GIVE YOU THE COORDINATES...

I CAN GIVE YOU THE COORDINATES.

I... I... I DON'T KNOW IF I KNOW YOU, BUT... YOUR NAME...

IT'S ECHOING IN MY HEAD...?

...GRETA?

I FEEL YOUR PULSE RISING, MY LOVE. REMEMBER ME... BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

I NEED YOU, RAY! AND YOU NEED ME!

YEAH... I... I HAVE TO FIND YOU.

I FEEL IT IN EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING.

YOU'RE GRETA... AND YOU'RE ONLY MINE.

MINE!

THAT'S WHY YOU NEED TO COME HERE!

YOU HAVE TO FREE ME, RAY.

THEY WANT TO TAKE ME AWAY FROM YOU!

I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN.

BOOM
BANG!
BANG!

AIEEEEE!!

BLAM!

BLAM!

BLAM!

CRUNCH!

...WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU? WHO SENT YOU?!

HUH...? WHAT...?

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TARGET.

ELIMINATE.

ELIMINATE.

ELIMINATE!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.

WE DID WELL TRIGGERING HIS PSYCHOSIS. MANIA. OBSESSION. AFFECTION. YOU NAME IT. IF WE DRIVE THEM CRAZY, THEY'RE EASIER TO HANDLE AND MORE VIOLENT!

THE NEXT ONE'S HARMLESS. A BIGMOUTH. IT'S ALMOST A WASTE TO USE OUR LITTLE SOLDIER FOR SOMETHING THIS EASY... BUT BETTER HIM DOING THE DIRTY WORK.

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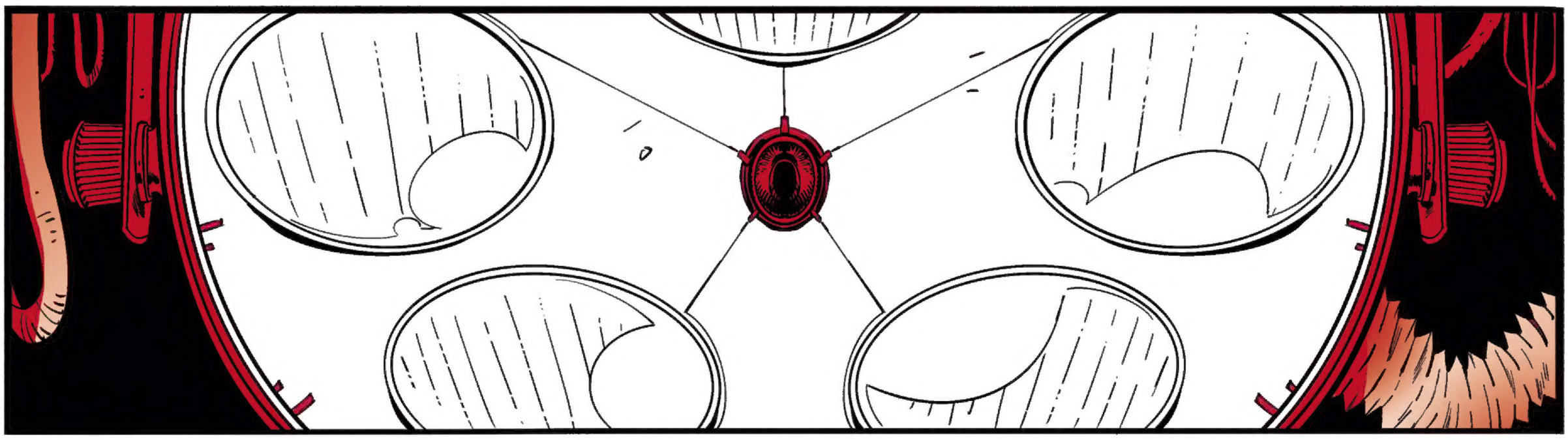

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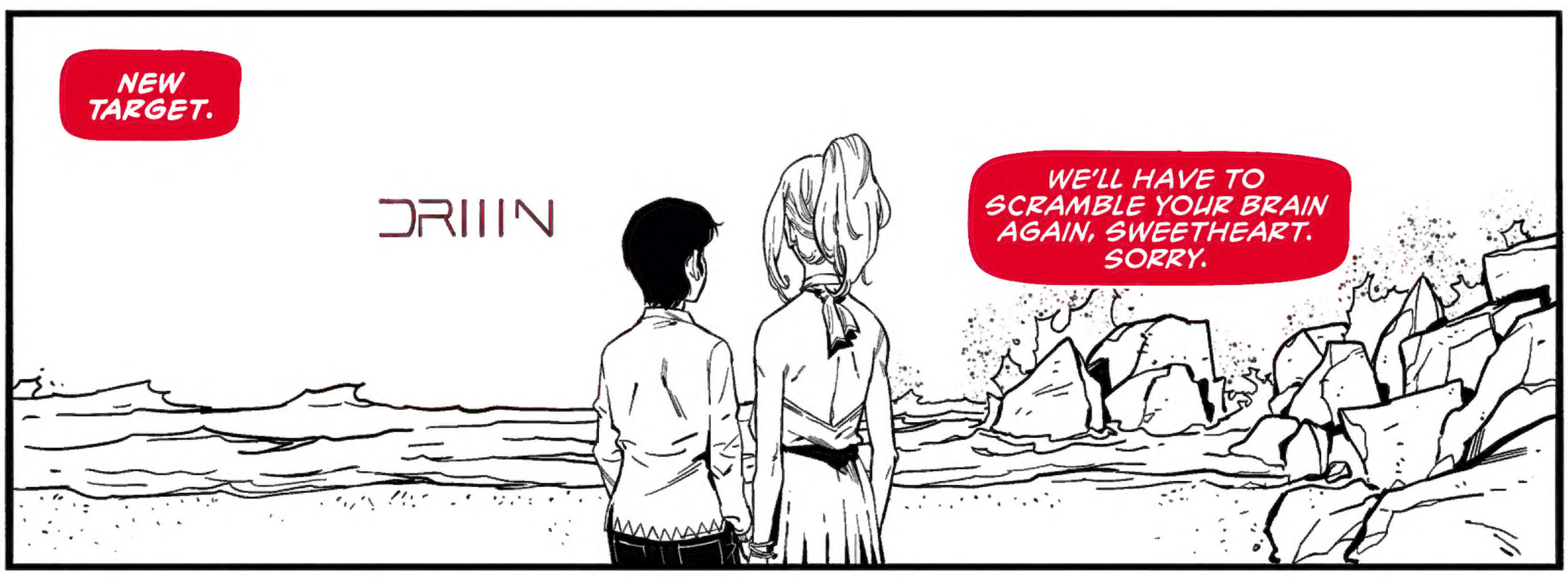
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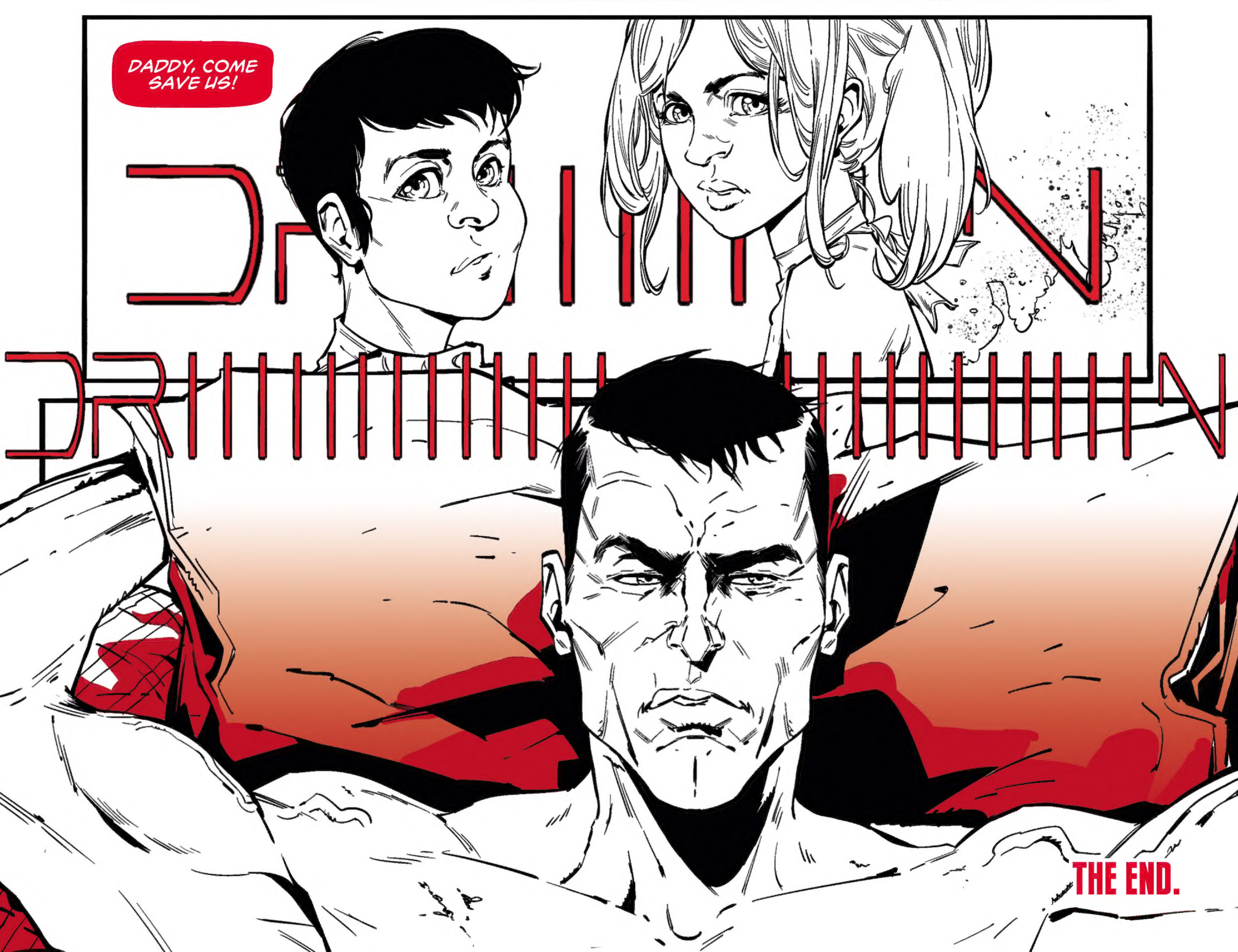
WE'LL HAVE TO SCRAMBLE YOUR BRAIN AGAIN, SWEETHEART. SORRY.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